

Allamakee, Bremer, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Emmet, Floyd, Franklin, Hancock, Howard, Humbolt, Kossuth, Mitchell, Winnebago, Wright County

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Community Health Needs Assessment Snapshot

Promote Healthy Behaviors

Problems/Needs:

- Obesity, 75% of survey monkey respondents choose obesity as a top need. According to data obtained from the IDPH data warehouse (County Health Snapshot) 67% (2008) of Floyd County residents were overweight/obese. Data from the BRFSS report showed those 37.12% with a BMI considered overweight and 30.29% of those with an obese BMI.
- Cancer, 56% of survey respondents choose cancer as a top health risk in the county. According to data obtained from the IDPH data warehouse in 2008 the Inpatient Discharge rate (per 10,000 population) was 52.5
- Diabetes, 37.3% of Floyd County survey respondents choose diabetes as one of the top 3 health issues facing the county. According to data obtained from the IDPH data warehouse diabetes accounted for 27.2% of hospital admissions.
- Parenting Skills, 60.7% of survey monkey respondents in Floyd County reported that poor parenting skills was one of the top 3 social issues facing Floyd County along with 48.1% reporting teen pregnancy as one of the top 3 social issues. In 2008 of the 203 births in Floyd county 78 of them were to unmarried women. Of those 203 births 94 of the mothers only had an elementary education. (Data obtained from the IDPH data warehouse)

Prevent Injuries

Problems/Needs:

- Texting while driving 61% of respondents answered this as a top priority. Could not find reliable evidence to support that this is statistically a leading health concern in Floyd County
- Mental Health Access was answered by 15% of respondents. Floyd County currently has one female mental health provider three days per week and yet new clients are waiting 6-8 weeks for services provided by the Mental Health Center of North Iowa, in Mason City. Mental health services are provided in Charles City, but members of the surrounding communities must travel either to Charles City or Mason City for services, which can be a minimum of 20 miles and a maximum on 40 miles.
- Underage Drinking, survey respondents choose underage drinking as the second most risky behavior in the county with a percentage of 60.3%

Protect Against Environmental Hazards

Problems/Needs:

- Safe Drinking Water, according to the results of Floyd County survey monkey 52.7% of those completing the survey were concerned about safe drinking water in the county.

Prevent Epidemics and the Spread of Disease

Problems/Needs:

- The 2010 County Assessment Report, Source: IDPH showed that Floyd County had a immunization rate of 35% for children age 24 months of age for the 4:3:1:3:3:1:4 data set. Floyd County also has a large Mennonite population (percentage unknown); this population does not receive vaccinations according to the recommended schedule.

Prepare for, Respond to, and Recover from Public Health Emergencies

Problems/Needs:

- In data gathered via survey monkey 69.3% of respondents reported that their family is prepared for a natural or man-made disaster. 49% had discussed a central meeting place. 38.1% practiced fire drills at home. 42.2% practiced a tornado drill at home. 53.7% keeps supply of water and non-perishable foods. 38.1% keeps a list of current medications. 54.4% has a contact list prepared. 48.3% of homes have a weather radio.

Strengthen the Public Health Infrastructure

Problems/Needs:

- Access to dental services. Floyd County currently does not have a dentist in the county that will accept Medicaid as a payment source for dental treatment. Medicaid patients must travel to either Mason City or Waterloo for dental services. Survey monkey data showed that 10.9% of respondents were concerned about access to dental care.

Community Health Improvement Plan

Goal	Strategies	Who is responsible?	When? (Timeline)
Obesity Decrease the percentage of Floyd County residents who are overweight/obese to 65% from baseline of 67%	quarterly newsletter available to Floyd County residents with information regarding healthy life style choices.	Public health staff and environmental health staff	throughout this year and the coming years
	team up with hospital staff (dietitian) to promote healthy eating choices	public health staff and local dietitian	within 6 months public health will have made contact with hospital dietitian

Goal	Strategies	Who is responsible?	When? (Timeline)
Poor parenting skills/single parent families	Provide educational resources to unmarried mothers	public health staff and community partners	throughout 2011
Decrease the number of unmarried births to 70 from baseline of 78.	Research what services are available to parents in the county.	Public health staff	throughout 2011
	Work closer with service providers discovered through the above research.	public health staff	throughout 2011
Poor parenting skills will no longer be the top social issue facing Floyd county (per survey respondents) in 3-5 years. Baseline: of the 225 respondents 60.7% choose poor parenting skills as one of the top 3 health issues facing the county.			